(e) and (f) The Treaty would strengthen the efforts of both countries to work together to combat the serious problem of international narcotics trafficking, terrorism and other fugitives from serious crimes. It will provide a broader legal basis and enhanced procedural mechanisms to enable each country to arrest and extradite offenders.

(g) India has signed extradition treaties with Canada, UK, Nepal, Butan, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Hong Kong.

Apart from these countries, India also has extradition arrangements with Tanzania, Australia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Thailand, Germany and Sweden.

INSAT-2

211. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fourth Satellite in INSAT-2 series had been successfully launched from KOROU in French Guyana with the help of a powerful Ariane-rocket;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of major Indian space missions proposed to be undertaken during the Ninth Plan;

(d) whether it would augment the communication and TV networks in India; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The INSAT-2D satellite was launched from Kourou, French Guyana on June 4, 1997.

(b) The INSAT-2D satellite is working satisfactorily and is colocated at 74 deg. East with INSAT-2A. All the transponders on INSAT-2D have been tested and their performance is satisfactory.

(c) and (d) A total of fifteen satellite/launch vehicle missions are proposed to be undertaken during the Ninth Plan period. These include five third generation Indian National Satellite (INSAT) series of satellites. These satellites will augment the communications and TV services in India.

(e) At present, INSAT System has over 80 transponder providing telecommunications and TV services. This number is expected to reach about 130 at the end of the 9th Plan period.

National Employment Cell

212. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 31st meeting of the Working Group of National Employment Cells was held on December 20, 1996;

(b) whether the Government expressed its great concern over the widening gap between the job seekers and the availability of job opportunities;

(c) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether any special steps have been worked out in this regard during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The meeting of the Working Group on National Employment Service was held on December, 20-21, 1996.

(b) to (d) Recognising the high incidence of underemployment and increasing casualisation of labour, the need for enhanced employment opportunities for the poor have been taken note of in the approach to the Ninth Plan. Besides this, the approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Productive employment is an important dimension of the State policy that seeks to achieve growth with equity. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment. Improvements in the quality of employment can be achieved only in a situation of rapidly growing productivity to which the labour can lay a just claim. Better Education and skill development could empower people to take advantage of employment opportunities. Special programmes will be implemented to develop skills, enhance technological levels and provide marketing channels for people engaged in traditional occupations.

Indo-Nepal Peace Treaty

213. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has expressed its desire to review 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the amendments in the Treaty sought by Nepal; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d) During the Prime Minister's visit to Nepal it was agreed that at the next meeting of the Foreign Secretaries, to be held in two months, all issues of bilateral interest, including issues related to the 1950 Treaty, would be discussed. The views of the Nepalese side about the specific aspects, if any, that they may wish to discuss could be articulated during the meeting.

Removal of Hoardings

214. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a very large number of commercial hoardings/advertisement boards have been put up at different traffice crossings in Delhi and in front of historical monuments and public buildings of cultural significance and also on the rooftops;

(b) whether these hoardings violate the principles and norms laid down by the Delhi Urban Art Commission;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government have issued or proposed to issue a directive to the Delhi Urban Art Commission to ensure that all illegal hoardings are removed and defacing of the Capital's landscape is prevented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

12.02 hrs.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (PUNE): Sir, you have stated that you have taken the comments of the Home Minister. What is the Home Minister's statement?

MR. SPEAKER: The Home Minister has already written to me saying that he is ready with a statement. At 2 of the Clock, the Home Minister will make a statement. The Motion under Rule 184 will be discussed as decided by the Business Advisory Committee tomorrow.

(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (MUMBAI-NORTH EAST): Sir, what did you tell about the Adjournment Motion?

Mr. SPEAKER: I have admitted the Adjournment Motion.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Allow me, please. As far as the Adjournment Motion is concerned, I do not think it will be proper for the Business Advisory Committee to decide it tomorrow as to when the House should be adjourned. The Adjournment Motion itself says that immediately all the business should be adjourned and it should be discussed. According to the Rules, maximum, it should be discussed at 4 of the Clock today itself. But you cannot postpone it till tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: I know of it. But the question of allocation of time at all that come. If you cooperate with me, I will help you. I do not want to take an arbitrary decision about the allocation of time. In the Leaders' meeting, it was agreed that we would, later on, discuss about the question of allocation of time.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *ALIAS* PAPPU YADAV (PURNIA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have also given a notice regarding Bihar.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I have received your notice. I will give consideration to your notice also.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (CHHAPRA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have said that the hon. Home Minister would be replying at 2.00 P.M. Please ask him to give a reply about the attack on two Union Ministers in Bihar.

[English]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (ALLAHABAD): Sir, if the Adjournment Motion has to be taken up first, you may decide about the time. But in order of precedence, the Adjournment Motion should take precedence over other matters. It should be taken up first whenever it is taken *...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It will be taken up tomorrow. I do not mind having a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee today itself if all the Parties agree to it. I think tomorrow is fine.

(Interruptions)

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, I think, after the Question Hour, the Adjournment Motion should be taken up tomorrow. Will you agree?

MR. SPEAKER: The Adjournment Motion takes precedence over any other Motion. It is understood.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH (JAHANABAD): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have also given a notice regarding Adjournment Motion.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I have your notice of Adjournment Motion also.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ramashraya Prasad Singh, I have received your notice of Adjournment Motion also. I am examining it. I will let you know on this issue later on.

(Interruptions)

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN (KARAD): Sir, the *Dalits'* matter is very important *...(Interruptions)* The matter of Bombay Police firing on the *Dalits* is very important. It must be discussed immediately. It is an unprecedented situation. It is not like any other matter. The *Dalits* throughout the country are agitating over this issue. So, please take it up immediately. We have requested for the suspension of Question Hour *...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I know the importance of it.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Take up that Motion immediately under Rule 184, please. It is very important *...(Interruptions)*